

I Would Have Chosen You

If God had told me that from all the mothers I might choose just whichever one I would, I would have chosen you, my own dear mother, Although I cannot tell just why I would.

Mother

How oft I see my mother! My own mother, my loving mother, Is it in dream, or vision or memory? Or are the three combined in a loving trinity?

She gave me life, she gave me sustenance, She patiently cared for my every need, She dried the tears from my eyes, Staunchly the blood from my wounds.

When my injured feelings burst into passion She calmed the troubled waters of my soul And soothed my deepest sorrows With the human kindness of mother love.

When the school bell rang out its warning, Who called me in from my ardent play? "Here, Johnnie, is your lunch, a nice doughnut, A fritter left over from breakfast."

"Now run along to school, don't be late, Be a good boy, mind the teacher, Let your lessons be perfect, Johnnie." Whose words have I queried? Mother's.

Who else but mother would play the part? Who else would throw such pathos into such a seemingly trivial act? Mother, only mother! My mother, your mother, her mother, his mother.

Who looked after my clothing? Mother! Who hunted up a piece of cloth to match; Sits down with needle and thread and garment To patch the rent I made yesterday? Mother!

What say you, is this all a dream or a vision, bright and fitful, or a loving memory? To you who love your mother it is a memory, A loving memory, a cherished memory.

A joyous memory rambling Through the evergreen avenues of your mind, Like a flock of singing birds on a June morning, Singing praises to the great Father Universal.

To you who were bereft of a mother's care It is a dream, a longing dream Searching for the ambrosial nectars Of the mystic gods of Arcadia.

To the wayward, it is a sorrow, A tearful, a mournful sorrow, Tugging at the tendrils of your breast Pleading for a listening ear.

For a listening ear into which to pour The longings for a mother's love, The longings to return to the paths of truth and virtue, To bask in the sunshine of a mother's forgiveness.

To the wicked it is a painful regret, Sharp and cutting as a two-edged sword, Piercing as an arrow with a poison point, Wandering in melancholy grief unassuaged.

"Mother, Oh Mother!" What thoughts keep company with that holy word? What memories, what visions, what dreams Cluster around the sacred name of mother!

What ambitions, what impulses lift Our tired feet from the thorny paths And set them treading the golden streets Of a long desired restful Paradise.

What hopes, what longings, what resolves Well up in our breasts as we contemplate On the teaching of a sainted mother, Who has left us an heritage above all value.

Or are our hearts aching with regrets of broken Promises that drag us down the gloomy paths That lead to low companionship of the heedless, The thoughtless, the careless who have forgotten?

To hush the sacred name of mother, Oh, what a penalty to pay for disregard of mother! The one whose soft hand cooled your fevered brow? Lifted her voice in prayer for your recovery;

Whose heart pulsates at every mention of your name And follows you to the very gates of death if necessary, Follows you through every vicissitude of life, Whose heart swells at your every weal and shrinks at your every woe.

A heart that clings to you like rivets of steel, Whether in weal or woe never forsakes, Follows you in every venture, rejoices in every success, Commiserates in your every failure.

Your blood of her blood, flesh of her flesh, Bone of her bone, spirit of her spirit, Mother love knows no bounds, Encircles the earth, reaches to heaven,

Permeates the universe, proceeds from the Mighty throne of Diety Himself, Everlasting, omnipresent, eternal—

MOTHER!

Clothe her with the silken robes of memory, Weave garlands of loving joy about her life, Spread affection's richest carpets for her feet, Crown her, crown her guardian angel over all.

—W. T. RIGDON.



TO MY MOTHER

Oh, month of May, when queens are crowned, My mother, I crown you, The queen of all my better acts, The dream in all I do.

—Audred Bunch.

the rooms. At the tea hour delightful refreshments were served. In the group were Mrs. Will May, Mrs. J. C. Perry, Mrs. Homer Conklin, Mrs. C. N. Ruggles, Mrs. A. B. Selee, Mrs. Allen Brown, Mrs. A. L. Brown, Mrs. Earl Chapel, Mrs. C. R. Lester, Mrs. W. P. Ellis, Mrs. D. J. Hack, Mrs. Albert Cox, Mrs. Claude N. Freeman, Mrs. D. B. Simpson, Mrs. Chester Lee, Mrs. Harry L. Muzzy, Mrs. C. C. Fishback, Mrs. Clifford Elgin, Mrs. E. H. Dickinson, Mrs. C. F. Riley, Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Mrs. John Chamberlain, Mrs. B. W. Macy, Mrs. J. F. Copp, Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Miss Geneva Lien, and the hostess, Mrs. Earl Wood.

Mrs. W. H. Steusloff and Mrs. G. F. Chambers are spending the week-end at the Steusloff cottage at Pacific City.

Attractive among the season's largest teas will be that on Wednesday for which Mrs. F. W. Steusloff and Mrs. W. H. Steusloff have issued more than 250 cards. The hostesses will be at home to their guests at the F. W. Steusloff home 607 N. Commercial street, from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Patton and children are spending the week-end at their summer home at Agate Beach.

Chapter AB of the PEO sisterhood will meet at 7:45 o'clock Monday evening for a Mother's day program at the home of Mrs. Harry M. Styles, 780 North Summer street. Mrs. L. N. Myers has arranged the program.

Tuesday evening, May 12, in the auditorium of the city library the Salem Arts league will hold its annual business meeting, with an interesting program at the close.

At this time the election of officers for the coming year will take place, and all league members are urged to be present. The program, which will follow the business meeting and will start at 9 o'clock will consist of dramatic readings and impersonations by Mr. Perry Prescott Reigelman and two groups of songs by Mr. Lyman McDonald.

The following press notices will be of interest: Concerning a Lion's club program: 'Pal O' Mine,' sung by Lyman McDonald, was the most universally appreciated number on the excellent program.

"The recital was really a magnificent concert, each singer an individual attraction. 'Thy Beaming Eyes,' by MacDowell; and 'Inter Nos,' MacFayden, were sung in excellent voice by Lyman McDonald."

Concerning Mr. McDonald as the result of the Elk's Big Brother entertainment at the state training school: "O. L. McDonald gave

the boys a most interesting talk and later turned his magnificent baritone voice to good account. His solos were enthusiastically received."

Broadcasting from KGW, the Morning Oregonian, the Salem Lion's club recently gave a program that was appreciated from British Columbia to Los Angeles, and concerning which the Oregonian says: "One of the soloists was Lyman McDonald, a gifted baritone, whose two songs were well received. These singers, who are among the best from the Capital City, which is renowned for its musical attainments, are to be accompanied by Prof. John R. Sites." Mr. McDonald has been seven years with the Apollo club.

"Mr. Perry Reigelman read 'Lord Dunsyre's Letter' and was loudly endorsed. Mr. Reigelman is a graduate of Willamette university college of oratory and is a very accomplished reader."

"Perry Reigelman took the house with his 'No. 5 Collect St.' and his pantomime of a bachelor sewing on a button. It is doubtful if Mr. Reigelman's equal can be found in his line of work."

The Tacoma Ledger: "Perry Reigelman gave two very enjoyable readings, both winning applause and praise."

Tacoma Daily Tribune: "Mr. Perry Reigelman gave four very enjoyable and entertaining readings and impersonations, which added greatly to the evening's program."

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Woodburn Independent: "Mr. Perry Reigelman's readings were entertaining and thoroughly interesting throughout." Gray's Harbor Washingtonian: "Mr. Perry Prescott Reigelman, in dramatic readings and impersonations was exceedingly good. His farcical rendering of 'Cassablanca,' the burning boy who stood on the deck, was one of the hits of the evening."

Aberdeen Herald: "Mr. Reigelman presented a number of delightfully entertaining readings and impersonations that easily made good with the audience."

Independence Enterprise: "Occasionally Mr. Perry Prescott Reigelman stepped out and gave some very humorous and taking readings. 'No. 5 Collect St.' was worth the price of admission in itself."

Bank's Herald: "The entertainment given in the Methodist church was a success. It was a success for Mr. Reigelman, those who assisted him, and the audience. Mr. Reigelman is an entertainer who gives his audience an evening of refreshing, interesting amusement. His readings are not those you have heard so often but are new and different."

Mr. Reigelman, for seven years a dramatic reader and impersonator, was with Weber's Lyceum bureau as individual entertainer, and has himself directed two plays.

"Better Homes" week will open in Salem tomorrow afternoon at the attractive new demonstration house on the corner of South Liberty and Meyers streets, with Mr. and Mrs. Karl B. Kugel the first hosts of the week.

The Town and Gown club will hold an unusually interesting meeting on Tuesday afternoon at Lausanne hall. Mrs. C. P. Bishop, Mrs. George H. Alden and Miss Frances Richards will be in charge during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberts, and son, Carlye, are spending the week-end at the C. P. Bishop home. Today Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will motor to Corvallis for the Mother's Day program at the Oregon Agricultural college. Harry Roberts, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberts, and a nephew of the Bishop, is a sophomore at the college.

A BAD APPROACH

Carl: "You are the only girl I love." Lenore: "If there's no competition I'm not interested."—Nathaniel Luzzo.

MRS. COOLIDGE FINDS USEFUL FURNITURE IN WHITE HOUSE ATTIC

WASHINGTON—A program for renovation of the White House this spring affords Mrs. Coolidge her first real opportunity to dress the executive mansion up to her tastes. Congress has appropriated \$50,000 for the repair of the house, but most of this will be spent in renovating the decorations and furnishings, and practically all of the work will be done on the first floor in the semi-public rooms.

While Mrs. Coolidge will have the choice of materials, it is believed she will follow custom and retain the standards in colors and designs established for these rooms by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Operations in the beginning will be centered on the Green Room, which succumbed to the flirtations of the sun several years ago and faded to a jaded brown. The Red and Blue rooms are in

comparatively good conditions and slight changes will be made in them. Some upholstery will be done, and the rugs changed.

Other funds will be expended on modernizing the elevator, remodeling the plumbing and vacuum cleaner system, painting the floors and replacing rugs in many rooms, including the president's study.

Mrs. Coolidge already is rivaling her husband's fame for economy. Practically no new furniture has been bought by her, but recently she visited the White House store house and resurrected two pieces which had been discarded. One was a table, inset with brass diagonal pieces, one of which was missing. This piece was restored, and Mrs. Coolidge has been complimented several times by visitors on the result.

She also picked up in the store house an old fashioned comfortable chair, bearing a tag which identified it as "President Jackson's chair." It is now in the President's study.

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Society

made known at the 1 o'clock luncheon on Saturday at which Mrs. E. C. Apperson was the hostess for her daughter. Covers at table, lovely in all its appointments, were placed for 20 close friends and relatives. Mr. C. H. Robertson and Mrs. Homer Gouley of Salem motored over for the cent. Among those attending from Portland were: Mrs. Hugh Williamson, Mrs. Tom Anders and Mrs. J. E. Herrington. The entire affair was a Maytime bower of flowers with blossoms in the pink shades predominating. Both Miss Apperson and Mr. Robertson are graduates of the University of Oregon where they were prominent in campus affairs. Miss Apperson will be the inspiration for a number of delight-

ful pre-nuptial events in the weeks preceding her marriage. Yesterday Mrs. J. E. Herrington entertained in Portland at a formal luncheon, while Mrs. Homer Gouley's tea on Saturday, May 23, promises to be one of the outstanding social events of the season. Other hostesses are planning afternoons for the pleasure of Miss Apperson. Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mott of Rimrock, Wash., will arrive in Salem today. Mother's day, where they will be guests of Dr. Mott's brother, Mrs. W. S. Mott, and his brother, Will Mott. Dr. Mott has been at Rimrock in the reclamation service where he is in charge of the hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Mott plan to spend several weeks in Salem. Members of the Willing Workers' class of the First Christian church met Thursday afternoon as the guests of Mrs. Earl Wood. After a short business meeting the afternoon was devoted to sewing on aprons for the apron sale which the class will hold. Pictures and iris were used in decorating

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